Press Secretary Drayne Resigning

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Kennedy Aide to Join Shriver

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's press secretary for the past 10 years is resigning to join the presidential campaign of Kennedy's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver.

Richard Drayne, 37, a veteran of national politics, announced yesterday he is leaving the Massachusetts senator to handle "issues and general strategy" for Shriver, who will formally announce his candidacy on Saturday.

Drayne's move is viewed as yet another indication that Kennedy, who has often disavowed national ambitions for 1976, will concentrate on his own Senate re-election campaing next year.

Drayne said he would delay his shift until Kennedy can find a replacemnt as press secretary, noting that the assistant press secretary, Lauretta Cubberley, had left last week for a new job with the Public Broadcasting System. Kennedy's chief advance man, Jim King, resigned earlier this year to take a post in Massachusetts.

Drayne, who traveled extensively in the late Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaing, is the third veteran professional to join Shriver's campaign staff.

The 1972 vice presidential candidate has Richard Murphy, a former Democratic National Committee aide and convention planner, as his campaign manager, and Don Pride, former press secretary to Gov. Reibin Askew of Florida as his press secretary.